THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of the present security scenario, instructions for taking proper precautions have already been issued to all Indian Mission/Posts abroad.

Chinese arms with North-East insurgents

823. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenrment's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the "Pioneer" dated the 25th December, 2001, under the heading Chinese AK-47s floating in North-East;

(b) if so, whether Government had made any assessment about the availability of Chinese arms in North-East for insurgents, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter was taken up with the Government of China with whom Government had entered into an understanding that they would not offer encouragement to North-East insurgents; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government remains vigilant and takes all necessary and appropriate measures to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of India.

Assistance to Assam insurgents and ISI

824. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh is providing various kind of assistance to Assam insurgents and to ISI activities;

(b) if so, the details of such assistance;

(c) whether Government have raised the matter with the Bangladesh Govenrment; and